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1. The company has informed us that as at noon today there were 4,386 out of an expected 5,650 employees at work in a "flag-free environment", representing some 78% of the workforce. The difference between 5,650 and the normal workforce of approximately 7,000 is accounted for by those on holiday and sick leave.
2. The factory at Newtownards is working normally and there was no picketing. There was however a small picket for the first time at the Castlereagh factory this morning although the company described it as "low key". The Shorlac (Tucano) plant was reported as working normally without any protests on the dual carriageway. Picketing has continued outside the main building in Airport Road although the company reports that this has been more peaceful and on a much reduced scale than last week.
3. As the decision to reopen the factories was only taken last night following the announcements on Friday to close all production, the senior management of the company have stated that they are "moderately encouraged" with today's response.

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